

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota is home to more than 15,000 ranchers and cattlemen who provide a quality product to consumers across the state; and,

*Whereas*, There are more than 3.8 million head of cattle in South Dakota, and the cattle industry has played a significant role in the history of our state; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota beef producers are stewards of the land, whose environmental practices ensure their improved farms and ranches will be productive for future generations; and,

*Whereas*, It is important that the citizens of South Dakota recognize the valuable contributions the beef cattle industry makes to the health and well-being of our state; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota cattle producers continue to meet the challenges of a changing industry by providing lean, high quality, nutritious, and safe beef products to the consumer; and,

*Whereas*, Beef provides South Dakota consumers with a rich supply of important nutrients, including zinc, iron, and protein; and,

*Whereas*, The SOUTH DAKOTA CERTIFIED® Beef and SOUTH DAKOTA CERTIFIED ENROLLED CATTLE™ programs provide consumers a safe, wholesome, quality product while creating increased profit opportunities for beef producers; and,

*Whereas*, May is the beginning of the summer grilling season—a perfect time for South Dakotans to enjoy hamburgers, steaks, and kabobs on the grill:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2011, as

## *BEEF MONTH*

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to observe the month by participating in appropriate programs and activities.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

A handwritten signature of Dennis Daugaard in black ink.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature of Jason M. Gant in black ink.

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State